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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION SEMINAR ON GSP

1. VAN THINH TRAN, DIVISION CHIEF FOR GENERALIZED TARIFF PREFERENCES IN THE EC COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, HAS NOTIFIED US CONCERNING HIS PLANS TO HOLD A SERIES OF REGIONAL SEMINARS ON THE EC'S GSP IN LATIN AMERICA. TRAN WILL BE IN GUATEMALA CITY APRIL 2 AND 3 (FOR CIECA), IN QUITO APRIL 7 AND 8 (FOR ANDEAN GROUP), AND IN ASUNCION (FOR THE OTHERS) APRIL 14 AND 15.

2. TRAN HAS INFORMED US THAT THE SPONSORS (MINISTRIES OF COMMERCE) IN THE ADDRESSEE CAPITALS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO EXTEND INVITATIONS, TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS AS OBSERVER/PARTICIPANTS, TO THE ECONOMIC COUNSELORS FROM THE US EMBASSIES. TRAN ASKED US TO INFORM THE EMBASSIES IN ADVANCE ABOUT THESE INVITATIONS.

3. TRAN HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT FORCE IN RECENT EFFORTS TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE COMMUNITY'S GSP SYSTEM.

4. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, THE PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO THE EC TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE IS AWARE OF THE TRAN VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA AND THAT HE AND HIS AUTHORITIES REGARD THE TRAN VISIT AS AN IMPORTANT INDICATION OF THE

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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S EFFORT TO HELP PARAGUAY

TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF THE COMMUNITY'S GSP. HE SUG-
GESTED THAT THE US OUGHT TO CONSIDER A SIMILAR EFFORT TO
EXPLAIN THE NEW US GSP. GREENWALD

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